What About Tongues

Acts 2; 1 Corinthians 12-14
Hot Potato Issues, Part 8
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Introduction

A. Let's keep this in perspective. This is not a major in theology.
B. I have love and respect for my charismatic brothers and sisters.
C. What are the spiritual gifts?

1. Romans 12:6-8
2. 1 Peter 4:10-11
3. Ephesians 4:7-12
4. 1 Corinthians 12:8-10, 28

D. My position on the issue of tongue: OPEN BUT SKEPTICAL

I) WHY I'M OPEN

A. There is no definitive chapter and verse about tongues no longer being in use today.

B. God is God. He can do whatever He wants to do.

II) WHY I'M SKEPTICAL

A. Modern tongues to not seem to match the experience in **ACTS 2**.

B. Modern churches that speak in tongues don't seem to follow the **RULES** of 1 Corinthians 14.

1. Tongues were a sign to unbelievers (v. 22)
2. Tongues were also to be used for edification of the church (v. 26)
3. No more than three people are to speak in tongues at any one service (vv. 27-28)
4. Only one is to speak at a time (vv. 27-28)
5. Every instance of tongue-speaking in church must be interpreted (vv. 27-28)
6. Any confusion or disorder is a sign that something isn't from God (vv. 33, 40)
7. No women were to participate in public tongues-speaking (v. 34)
8. The desire for prophecy was to be stronger than the desire for tongues (v. 5)

C. The context of 1 Corinthians is one of **CORRECTION**.

D. I don't think the Bible indicates that tongues are an "**UNKNOWABLE**" language but rather an **UNKNOWN** one.

E. Paul seems to speak sarcastically about tongues that aren't used for **EVANGELISM** or mutual **EDIFICATION**.

F. The purpose of tongues was as a sign to **UNBELIEVERS** (1 Corinthians 14:21-22)

G. The supernatural **GIFTS** were used as **SIGNS** confirming the new supernatural message.